

Faith In The Storm part 25

Job 38:1-41

The Title Of The Message: “The All Mighty”

The Key Word: The Lord

The Thought: When we think God is not there, He is, when we think we know it all, God will speak when we act like men.

The Breakdown:

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Verses 1-3 Enter The Almighty

Job 38:1-2 NKJV - Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: **2 NKJV** - "Who is this who darkens counsel By words without knowledge?"

Then the LORD answered Job... All of a sudden the Lord now joins in on the conversation, as He comes to correct wrong thinking, we see the Lord in the first two chapters of Job but he is silent or absent for the next 35 chapters and now speaks, He had not spoken a think to Job in his anguish at all no comforting words, no presence felt, something Job has ached for and complained about and even demanded answers from God, feeling detached from the Lord.

Notice he answers Job out of the whirlwind, that very same storm that Elihu saw coming from a ways off, as he was describing the might of the Lord, he comes, we should note that it was a whirlwind that took Job's ten children in chapter 1. Some believe God was in the whirlwind then and he is in the whirlwind now, but for me I see the enemy in the mighty wind against Job, not God, although He may have allowed it, and maybe that's the sense they are giving, often times God has shown Himself in the whirlwind.

2 Kings 2:1–11 (NKJV) 1 And it came to pass, when the Lord was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. 2 Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, for the Lord has sent me on to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they went down to Bethel. 3 Now the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from over you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent!" 4 Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, please, for the Lord has sent me on to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they came to Jericho. 5 Now the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from over you today?" So he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent!" 6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for the Lord has sent me on to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So the two of them went on. 7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. 8 Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground. 9 And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." 10 So he said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." 11 Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared

with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

Psalm 77:18 (NKJV) The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the world; The earth trembled and shook.

Nahum 1:3 (NKJV) The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit the wicked. The Lord has His way In the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds are the dust of His feet.

Isaiah 66:15 (NKJV) For behold, the Lord will come with fire And with His chariots, like a whirlwind, To render His anger with fury, And His rebuke with flames of fire.

Jeremiah 4:13 (NKJV) “Behold, he shall come up like clouds, And his chariots like a whirlwind. His horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to us, for we are plundered!”

Jeremiah 23:19 (NKJV) Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord has gone forth in fury— A violent whirlwind! It will fall violently on the head of the wicked.

Ezekiel 1:4 (NKJV) Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around it and radiating out of its midst like the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

Job had demanded that God would show up and vindicate him proving he was right all along and Jobs friends wanted God to show up to prove they were right but we won't find either one of these things happen instead what we will find is that God will do things according to His will and His way. It's funny the way people think sometimes, we think we can demand from God or order God to do things, or we think when I see God, I have some questions for Him just like Job, or we think we are going to give Him a piece of our minds! We are like two year olds

wanting our way or like teenagers who have no clue about what real life is all about until they have to actually live on their own. God has a way of doing things that are far above the way we do things and so the Lord when he answers our prayer or solves the problems we have may not be the way we envisioned or thought.

Isaiah 55:8–9 (NKJV) 8 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. 9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Who is this who darkens counsel... again I want to point out that the Lord is speaking to Job, not to the four others who thought Job was being judged, the reason may be because Job had been falsely accused, or it could be that throughout all of this ordeal Job was the only one to pray to the Lord, and so he asked Job who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge, in all actuality all of these men spoke out of what they had not known, that being said it was Elihu who claimed to be the spokes man for God and that he was actually speaking for God something that none of the others including Job claimed! Its not that God expected them to know what they had not or could not see but God wants them to recognize that there are things that are hidden to man and so they may not make any sense until God reveals what He already knows so then they do make sense after all.

Deuteronomy 32:4 (NKJV) He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

Job 38:3 NKJV - Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me.

Now prepare yourself... Job had earlier believed God was fighting against him, when it was only the devil fighting him, but now God says get ready because now you're going to go against Me! So prepare

yourself like a man, quit your whining and complaining get up get ready, be a man.

I like what G. Campbell Morgan wrote... **“When a man acts like a man, God can speak to him, and he to God. That is a declaration of dignity.” -Morgan**

I will question you, and you shall answer Me... Earlier in this book Job was pretty adamant that God would answer his questioning, and turns around and basically says you need to answer my questions before I answer yours!

Verses 4-21 Questions About Creation

Job 38:4-7 NKJV - "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. 5 NKJV - Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6 NKJV - To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, 7 NKJV - When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?"

Where were you... God ask where were you Job, when I laid the foundations of the earth, Who determined its measurements, who stretched the line upon it? What were its foundations connected to, and who laid its cornerstone? I like what God says in between, speak up Job you understand so much, I know you know common man! There's no way Job could say anything because he wasn't there he may have considered the earth but never thought of how the foundations were laid what they are attached to, or what the measurement of the earth was, or even how to stretch a plumb line on it!

When the morning stars... Notice God makes mention of those who did witness it, the angels and they shouted for joy and notice it was all of them so Lucifer before he fell was rejoicing over God's creation and wisdom.

Job 38:8-11 NKJV - "Or who shut in the sea with doors, When it burst forth and issued from the womb; 9 NKJV - When I made the clouds its garment, And thick darkness its swaddling band; 10 NKJV - When I fixed My limit for it, And set bars and doors; 11 NKJV - When I said, 'This far you may come, but no farther, And here your proud waves must stop!'"

Or who shut in the sea with doors... Job now finds out that the waters just don't stop where they are without God, He is the one who put limits on how far the sea could go, and told the sea that's it, here's where you stop. Something Job probably never thought about.

Job 38:12-18 NKJV - "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, And caused the dawn to know its place, 13 NKJV - That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, And the wicked be shaken out of it? 14 NKJV - It takes on form like clay under a seal, And stands out like a garment. 15 NKJV - From the wicked their light is withheld, And the upraised arm is broken. 16 NKJV - "Have you entered the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in search of the depths? 17 NKJV - Have the gates of death been revealed to you? Or have you seen the doors of the shadow of death? 18 NKJV - Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth? Tell Me, if you know all this.

Have you commanded... Job have you ever been able to command the sun to come up in the morning so it can shed light on the darkness and the things that are happening under the cover of darkness, Job would have to say no, have you entered the springs of the sea? Job and his friends may have thought about the sea and contemplated its terrors but it wouldn't have occurred to them that the sea had springs. God goes on to ask Job if he's seen the doors of the shadow of death or comprehended the breath of the earth, and then adds tell me if you know all this, it almost sounds like tell me if you already know this Job.

Job 38:19-21 NKJV - "Where is the way to the dwelling of light? And darkness, where is its place, 20 NKJV - That you may take it to its territory, That you may know the paths to its home? 21 NKJV - Do you

know it, because you were born then, Or because the number of your days is great?

Where is the way... God personifies light and darkness and makes them mysterious people who are impossible to find without Him being the guide. Notice God says oh wait you were born then right and you know these things because your so old and wise right?

Verses 22-41 Questions About The Elements

Job 38:22-24 NKJV - "Have you entered the treasury of snow, Or have you seen the treasury of hail, 23 NKJV - Which I have reserved for the time of trouble, For the day of battle and war? 24 NKJV - By what way is light diffused, Or the east wind scattered over the earth?"

Have you entered... Notice now God ask Job have you entered the treasury of snow or have you seen the treasury of hail, only God would save snow and hail like we save gold and silver. God would actually use hail to judge those who went against Him, we hear about the hail that is the size of baseballs but God used hail that was on fire and that weighed a hundred pounds against His enemies.

Exodus 9:24 (NKJV) So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, so very heavy that there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

Joshua 10:11 (NKJV) And it happened, as they fled before Israel and were on the descent of Beth Horon, that the Lord cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword.

Job 38:25-30 NKJV - "Who has divided a channel for the overflowing water, Or a path for the thunderbolt, 26 NKJV - To cause it to rain on a land where there is no one, A wilderness in which there is no man; 27 NKJV - To satisfy the desolate waste, And cause to spring forth the

growth of tender grass? 28 NKJV - Has the rain a father? Or who has begotten the drops of dew? 29 NKJV - From whose womb comes the ice? And the frost of heaven, who gives it birth? 30 NKJV - The waters harden like stone, And the surface of the deep is frozen.

Who has divided a channel... God tells Job that he was the One who engineered the Channels for the overflow of water, He made the path for the thunderbolt, He causes it to rain in the desert, in the desolate waste where the grass gets to grow. God shows Job that he unlike God is unable to create rain, ice, or frost.

Job 38:31-35 NKJV - "Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, Or loose the belt of Orion? 32 NKJV - Can you bring out Mazzaroth in its season? Or can you guide the Great Bear with its cubs? 33 NKJV - Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you set their dominion over the earth? 34 NKJV - "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, That an abundance of water may cover you? 35 NKJV - Can you send out lightnings, that they may go, And say to you, 'Here we are!'?"

Can you bind the cluster... God not only pointed out to Job that he was weak in his knowledge compared to God but now he points out that compared to Him he is weak in strength by asking of he could bind the cluster of the Pleiades, or loose the Orion, can you lift up your voice to control the rain. The answer to all these questions must have jarred Job, by now though we can see how God like a father is kinda of chiding Job like a father does with a son who thinks he knows everything.

Job 38:36-38 NKJV - Who has put wisdom in the mind? Or who has given understanding to the heart? 37 NKJV - Who can number the clouds by wisdom? Or who can pour out the bottles of heaven, 38 NKJV - When the dust hardens in clumps, And the clods cling together?

Who has put wisdom in the mind?...

Job 38:39-41 NKJV - "Can you hunt the prey for the lion, Or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, 40 NKJV - When they crouch in their dens, Or lurk in their lairs to lie in wait? 41 NKJV - Who provides food for the raven, When its young ones cry to God, And wander about for lack of food?"

Can you hunt the prey for the lion...

Application:

1. Let us be adults, let's stop the whining and complaining about things only the Lord can deal with and let us trust that He knows and will act in His perfect timing.